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Rich Local History

THE MESA TEMPLE HERITAGE SERIES

By Emily Jex Boyle

Summer is nearly here and as temperatures in the Valley of the Sun climb, another successful year of the Mesa Temple Heritage Series at the Mesa Temple Visitors Center draws to a close. 2025 marks the fourth year of the series which began shortly after the rededication of the Mesa Temple and the newly constructed Visitors Center.

Lynette Richter, who serves on the Mesa Temple Events Committee, remembers "Area church leaders were clear from the beginning that the Visitors Center would be a community facility, not just a church one." Elder Paul B. Pieper, then General Area seventy and president of the North America Southwest Area charged the temple events committee "to find ways to make the Mesa Temple Visitors Center a home for the whole community." The committee looked at the rich history and culture of the East Valley and felt there were plenty of stories to be shared to connect the community by creating a space to share.

Hence, the birth of the Mesa Temple Heritage Series.

Since its first event, community members have gathered to hear from presenters on a wide variety of topics. The goal of the series is to host 5-6 evening events during the year celebrating the rich history, culture and people of the area. Events are informative and fun, and free to the public. Through the series and other activities on site the Visitors Center has become a place for members of the valley community to come together.

Photo Courtesy of Lynette Richter

L to R, Adam Timothy, Eva Timothy, Lynnette Richter, Skye Timothy, and Clark Richter.

In April 2025, Colonel Richard "Dick" Tolliver USAF, retired, shared stories from some of the first Black military aviators in the United States Armed Forces with ties to Arizona. For the series season-ending event, John Lewis and Mike Hutchinson will present on the Phoenix East Valley Partnership, a force formed in 1982 by a group of business leaders who sought to make a difference for families and businesses here locally. The event will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Mesa Temple Visitors Center, 455 E. Main St.

Through the years, presenters have come from all walks of life. Anita Peters conducted "The History of Spring Training in Arizona and Mesa" where she shared the story of how the Chicago Cubs came to the Mesa area and their social and economic impact on the area (peanuts and Cracker Jack® were served!).

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Usually held on Thursdays, presentations last about 45 minutes with some time following for visiting and light refreshments.

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What's The Buzz?

Preparation For Domination

We've introduced a new column to the mix this issue: The Ready Hive, by my beautiful bride Grace O'Brien. Grace has taken a peek around the world and decided that it's time to get serious about our preparation. As I've watched her learn about preparing food via dehydration, freezing, hot-bath canning and pressure cooker canning, and then storing it all, it occurred to me that offering a column in *The Arizona Beehive Magazine* written by a prep expert would be a good idea. Vee oh la, a column is born!

I've been a Church member for going on 41 years. Right after my new member lesson on "Setting Up and Taking Down Chairs For Church Functions," I learned about preparedness. Seemed like a good idea. At the time I did wonder: Prepare for what? Job loss? Power outage? War? Pestilence?

One thing I have noticed: the emphasis on preparing has diminished. Of late, we talk in terms of self-reliance, which seems to include the aspects of preparing I heard about in the mid-1980s. But our local canneries have closed; no more ward trips to can wheat or fish or tomatoes. The last two wards I've lived in did not have (an active) person who passed around lists of #10 cans of food available to purchase from the local Home Storage Center. No Sacrament Meeting talks about this, no Elders Quorum lessons. With the aligning of Relief Society lessons with Elders Quorum lessons, I assume that preparedness and self-reliance are not as emphasized in Relief Society, either. Which we quietly celebrate, because let's face it: talks and lessons about this topic are bore-ring! Ranking right under "Tithing" as thee most sleep-inducing talk subject known to all Churchdom.

Time for an attitude change. Because as we all take a look-see around our world in commotion, it's apparent that the Brethren and Sisters weren't lyin' about being ready.

Elder Bednar recently stated that "some Church members opine that emergency plans and supplies, food storage, and 72-hour kits must not be important anymore because the Brethren have not spoken recently and extensively about these and related topics in general conference. But repeated admonitions to prepare have been proclaimed by leaders of the Church for decades. The consistency of prophetic counsel over time creates a powerful concert of clarity and a warning volume far louder than solo performances can ever produce."

OK. Message received. Let's do it! Finally. And we are here to help with The Ready Hive, to at least inspire to begin to think about preparing for commotion related results. At most to dominate preparation. Because, if we are prepared, we shall not fear. Thank you for reading...

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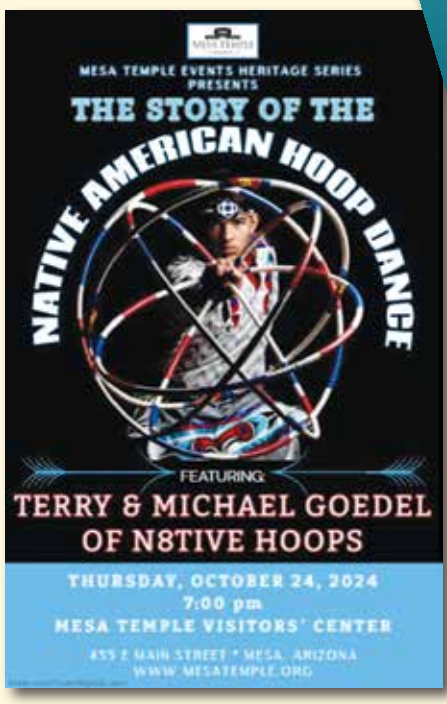

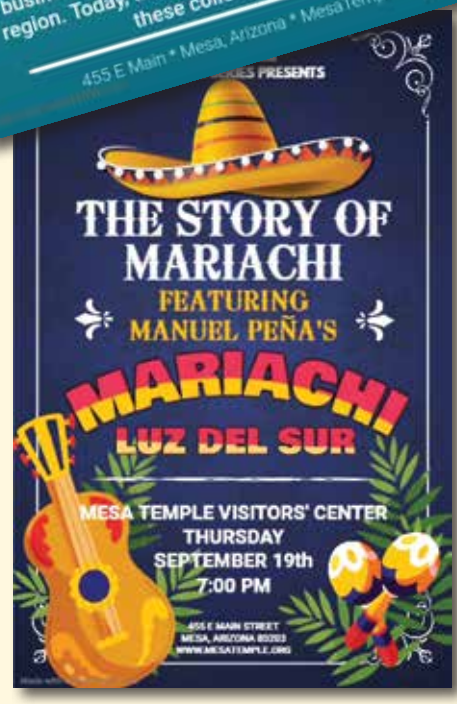

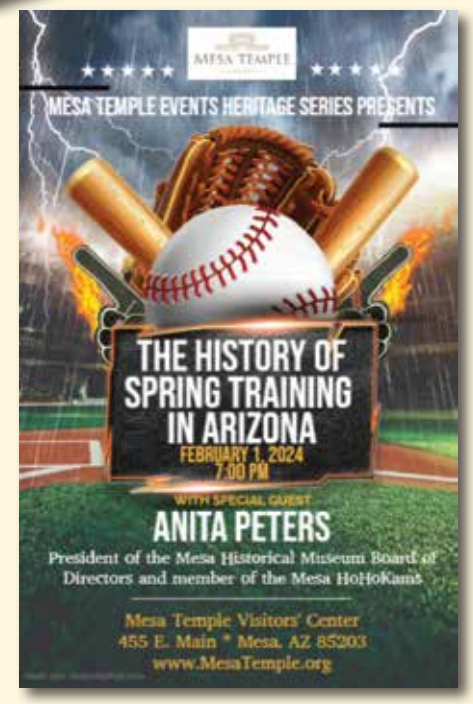
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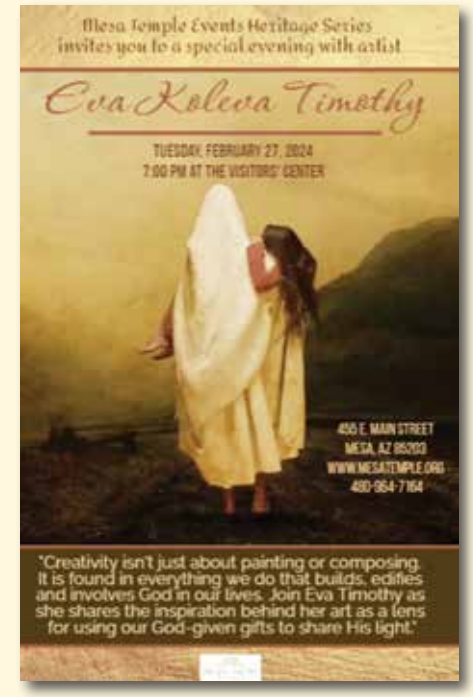
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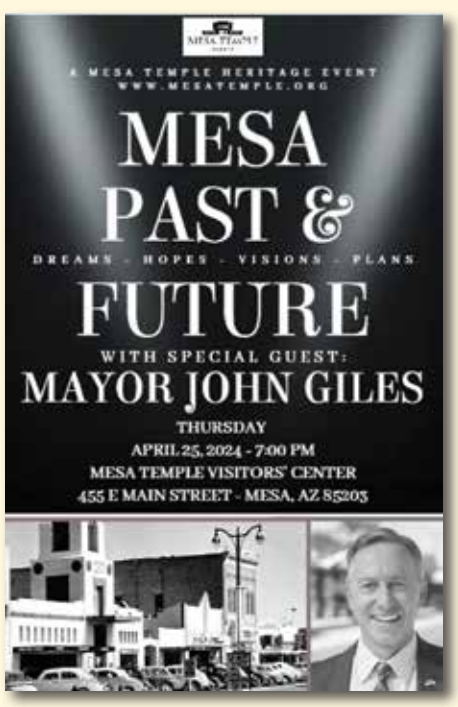

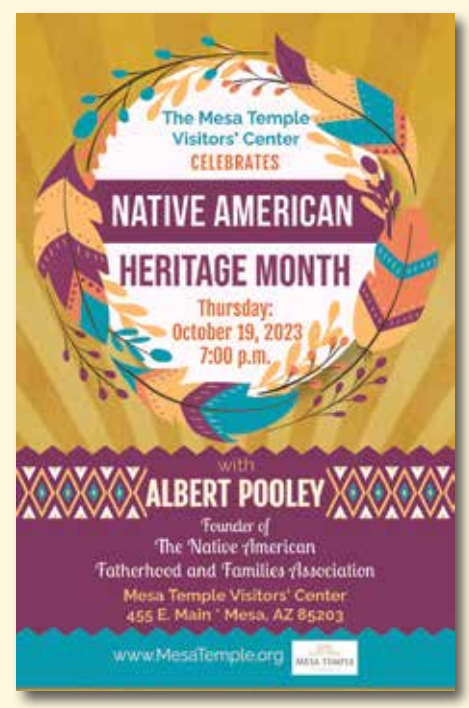

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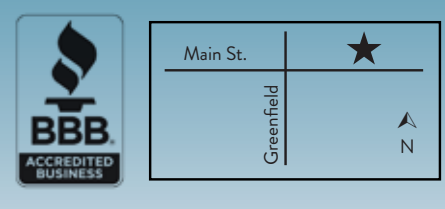

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Mayor John Giles headlined "Mesa Past & Future" where he recounted the history of Mesa, shared plans for city growth, and outlined issues the community faces. Time was made afterwards for questions and visiting with the mayor. Another presentation in the series recognized the "Mesa Community College 60th Anniversary." And yet another featured Susan Ricci who presented "Who's Who in the Mesa Cemetery."

World renown photographer and artist, Eva Koleva Timothy shared her personal journey from Bulgaria to depicting stories of Jesus in art form. "A Night of Mariachi" with Manuel Pena and his Mariachi Luz Del Sur was another event in the series during which the audience was treated to music, including ballet folklorico and history of the art. Last year, Michael Goedel and his family shared the "Story of the Native American Hoop Dance" with a performance and a presentation on Native American history and traditional dress. Families from the Apache and Papago tribes and Pacific Islands came to share histories from the area.

To celebrate Black History Month, the series hosted a presentation titled "The Matriarchs of Washington Park" by Bruce Nielson. Earlier the Ishikawa and Sato families shared family accounts of living in the valley during World War II along the Exclusion line. ASU professor, Dr. Eduardo Pagàn presented "The Hispanic Heritage of Arizona and in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." Another presentation focused on the dinosaurs in Mesa!

Typically held on a Thursday evening in the Visitors Center multipurpose room, presentations last about 45 minutes with some time following for visiting and light refreshments. Events are advertised on Instagram and Facebook, as well as posted on community calendars and posters displayed in front of the Visitors Center.

When not hosting a Heritage Series event, the Visitors Center offers a wide variety of daily interactive activities. The Family History Center on the second floor is a great resource for those interested in learning more about their own family tree with volunteers ready to assist. The center offers help in preserving memories with assistance from modern technology. During the Christmas season, the nativity display welcomes visitors to see the variety of Christmas scenes from around the world. For the first time this year, a new art display was available to visit titled "Christ in My Life." This exhibit featured 30 pieces from local artists including individual testimonies of the Savior. The display was ongoing during the popular Easter pageant, held annually on the green in front of the temple.

Have an idea for an upcoming presentation? If you have someone or an organization in mind that has contributed to the community in a meaningful way, consider reaching out to the series with your comments. "We welcome suggestions," Lynette Richter explains. She encourages anyone with presentation ideas to contact the Visitor Center Directors. For more information about events and more visit Mesatemple.org or find them on social media (Instagram and Facebook: ChurchofJesusChristAZ).

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Michael Goedel and his father perform a hoop dance.

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IN YOUR TOUGH MOMENTS, you can have joy!

By Jaylene Garrett

Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean that you aren't headed for sunshine.

Reminder: We chose God's plan and had faith in Christ who had yet to be tested with His earthly body. We had faith that Christ would save us. If not, we would have chosen the other plan. We had joy as we viewed our earthly experience. Now we are here.

We now know our dear Savior achieved His mission. "The wounds in his hands, feet, and side are signs that in mortality painful things happen even to the pure and the perfect, signs that tribulation is *not* evidence that God does not love us. It is a significant and hopeful fact that it is the *wounded* who Christ comes to rescue. (Jeffrey Holland *Christ and the New Covenant: The Messianic Message of the Book of Mormon* [1997], 259)

President Nelson taught "joy is powerful, and focusing on joy brings God's power into our lives. As in all things, Jesus Christ is our ultimate exemplar, who 'for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.' Think of that! For Him to endure the most excruciating experience ever endured on earth, our Savior focused on *joy*! (Joy and Spiritual Survival)

"… challenges often come in multiple doses applied simultaneously, and they are evidence that the Lord feels you are prepared to grow more." (See Proverbs 3:11–12) (Richard G. Scott Conference Report, Sept.–Oct. 1995, 18)

"When you face adversity…ask, what am I to do? What am I to learn from this experience? What am I to change? Whom am I to help? How can I remember my many blessings in times of trial? …when you pray with real conviction, 'Please let me know Thy will' and 'May Thy will be done,' you are in the strongest position to receive the maximum help from your loving Father." (Richard D Scott, Conference Sept.–Oct. 1995, 18)

How would Christ want us to think about ourselves in hard times? Christ will help us redirect negative thinking, changing our default reactions. He can help us see new ways to make conscience decisions to have faith, not fear.

Remember the scripture: "Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in ALL things." (D&C 59:7) So, are we to include hard stuff? He knows that being grateful fills us with joy. After the leper expresses gratitude for his cure, the Lord says, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." (Luke 17:19) So being grateful is having faith. Adversity compels us to go to our knees; does gratitude for adversity do that as well?

Feelings aren't facts! Our thought patterns are not permanent. We can change our hard stuff "default-thinking." Do something that gives us joy (which is probably the opposite of what we feel). Reviewing our Patriarchal blessing with the Spirit teaching us about our mission can help, as does having compassion for yourself as Christ would. In your tough moments, do not hesitate to ask for help. Your bishop has resources to help. You are loved. You can do this with Christ's help.

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THE FIGHT WAS WON BY JESUS!

Images from the 2025 Mesa Easter Pageant. *Photos by Robin Finlinson.*

Jenee Wright Prince, pageant director since 2012, explains the task at hand putting on the Mesa Easter Pageant: "We have the task of portraying the life of the Savior in a way so that hundreds of thousands of people can feel the Spirit in a beautiful Easter message. As a cast, we are there to present the story of the Savior. Even though we are imperfect and often fall short, the Lord always fills in the gap. Always makes up the difference."

(Church News, March 17, 2016 as quoted in *The Mesa Easter Pageant–80 Years of Sharing The Story Of Jesus Christ* by Jill Bishop Adair & Cecily Markland Condie)

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From loss to love

By Barbie VanCott

How do you move forward after a tragedy? Where would you turn? These were questions I had to face.

My sweet husband passed away. He's now on other side of the veil. He was my everything. I was so alone. I felt sad and lonely. My children and grandchildren couldn't fill the void. It wasn't enough. After grieving my loss, I re-read my patriarchal blessing many times. I realized there were things the Lord still wanted me to do. I needed fulfill them. I was determined to do it by myself or with a new companion.

So, after putting my house in order, a dear friend suggested, "Why don't you write down all the qualities you're looking for in a man? Maybe the Lord has selected a husband just for you!" So I did. I wrote down 55 things. Yes, 55 things I needed! Then I filed my list away. Shortly after, I got involved with a local LDS widow/widower group and began socializing while earnestly prayed to be led.

After two and a half years I changed my prayers. I knelt down and fervently prayed, putting myself in complete submission to the Lord. I needed to fulfill my destiny. When I finished my prayer, immediately my phone went "Ding!" I saw that it was a private Facebook message from a Napa, Idaho widower. My phone never dings when I get a Facebook message!

I read the message. "I am a widower. I live in Salmon, Idaho. I miss my wife and I'm so lonely. I'm trying to be the best grandpa I can be."

I responded back. "I've never ever done this before, but I just finished a fervent prayer when my phone went, ding. So, I felt prompted to message you back." I then typed out, "Hi, I'm Barbie. I am a widow and live in Mesa, Arizona. I miss my sweet husband and companion. I'm trying to be the best grandma I can be."

One hundred and seventy other widows responded to his message. He read them all. But he only wrote back to me. After a few notes back and forth he said, "Here's my phone number. Call me." I replied, "Here's my phone number. You call me." And he did.

We talked a few times. After receiving a confirmation from the Spirit, he called and said, "I've booked a flight, a hotel room, and rented a car. I'm coming to see you."

At first, I was in panic mode. What if I don't like this guy? He's making all this effort. Why? But I *did*

like the guy. I got a confirmation of the Spirit, too. I even shared my patriarchal blessing about the things the Lord wants me to do. He wanted to help me fulfill it. It is a miracle how we were brought together!

Who would have thought an Idaho farm boy and Jewish convert girl born in Hollywood would end up together? But it happened and we're happy. We have been married for a little over a month. Between the two of us, we have 14 children and 42 grandkids.

I believe in miracles. I believe the Lord is mindful of us all. I have a testimony of that. My conversion to the church was a total miracle. When I've let go and trusted in the Lord, my life has been blessed. The Lord knows us, better than we know ourselves.

FamilySearch – Get Involved!

By Glen K Tolman

Before logging into the FamilySearch website familysearch.org, five main areas are listed on the home page. These are Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. The purpose of the "Get Involved" function is to "Help people lost to history get found by their families." One of these opportunities familiar to many people is "Indexing." Another is "Quick Name Review" where you look at a name that was indexed by a computer and make sure the computer read and recorded the name correctly. If you see a mistake, you fix it. Reviewing the names and fixing the mistakes is an easy way to help others discover their ancestors.

The "Quick Name Review" is also available on the "FamilySearch - Get Involved" app. This function can be done anytime and anywhere using your android device or iPhone.

Another option shown on the "Get Involved" function under "Overview" showing more ways to get involved is the "BYU Record Linking Lab" or RLL. The RLL combines machine learning and family history to gather the human family. Selecting the "SEE OPPORTUNITIES" tab will take you to the RLL website volunteer section https://record-linking-lab.byu.edu/volunteer.

Before proceeding, it is important to understand how sourcing is important when we build or add to our family tree. Examples of sources are birth or death certificates, a Social Security Death Index, census records such as from the 1940 or 1950 US Census. Sources make it easier for users to work together in Family Tree. Sources can settle or prevent disputes. They add richness to the tree. Information about your ancestors on a record can increase your awareness that your ancestors were real people and that you really are connected to them. They demonstrate the accuracy of the information in the tree.

Attaching sources to a person on FamilySearch/FamilyTree assumes that you know something about "using the Source-Linker." If you need to learn more or refresh your memory, find training on the source linker at https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/using-source-linker-to-attach-sources.

Back to the Record Linking Lab, to start as a volunteer, I suggest trying the "Random Hint Button". Go to the BYU Record Linking Lab website, select the "Volunteer" option, click "Random Hint Button" and obtain a unique record hint to find a source to attach to an individual on FamilySearch/Family Tree.

If you find that you enjoy this volunteer opportunity, I suggest registering for "5-a-Day Project." With this option you have a simple way to do a little family history work each day. Sign up, and they will email you 5 record hints every weekday. See the training video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xuhMq0UHsc. This training video is specific to the "5-a-Day Project" but also applies to the "Random Hint Button."

Remember to "Get Involved" with this option on FamilySearch. You will help to build the FamilyTree, which will help you and help others.

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The Royal Treatment

Transported Back to Medieval Times

By Rauna Mortensen

Chivalry, feasting, falconry, jousting, beautiful horses: Transport yourself back to the Middle Ages, a time of great political upheaval and violence, yet also defined by a surge in Christianity and the building of great castles by local nobility. The first two Medieval Times-styled shows were developed in the late 1960s by Jose Montaner in Spain. He converted his restaurant on the family farm and used stories derived from his family history to create a show with actors portraying 11th-century jousting.

Preparing for the battle. Photo by Rauna Mortensen

The ensuing Medieval Times company has since created 11th century-style castles throughout the United States and a show featuring knights competing through jousting and sword fighting to be defender of the realm. The Scottsdale Arizona castle is the tenth and most recent to be built, opening in 2019. All locations execute the same show and script, which is changed approximately every three to five years, most recently in 2024 featuring a king and queen who forge an alliance.

Some castles have nearby ranches where the horses retreat, but the Scottsdale castle includes the everyday necessities for its 23 horses, including stalls, a tack room, wash stall, and a turnout pad. The Andalusians are the only breed performing the long lines, master of horse (a dressage routine), and parade. What is dressage? "Dressage is a form of horse riding performed in exhibition and competition, as well as an art sometimes pursued solely for the sake of mastery." Other breeds

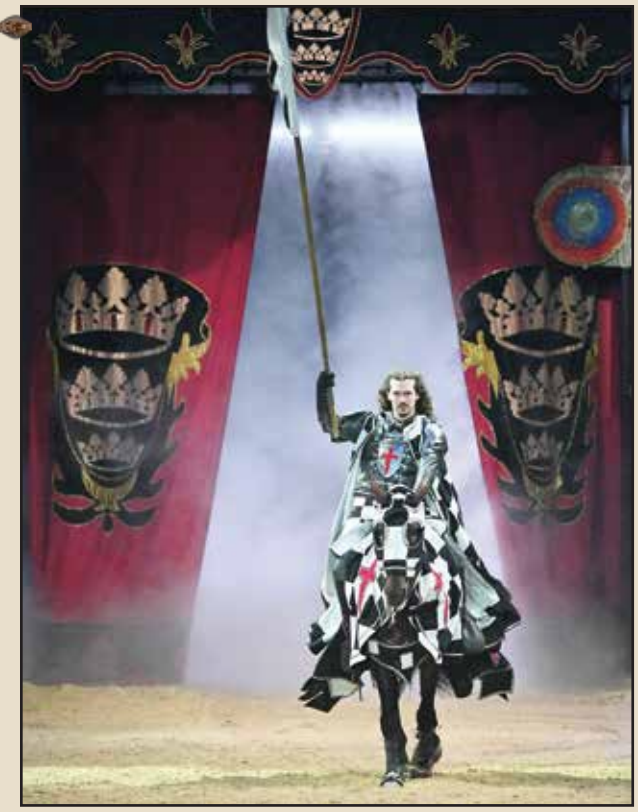

Photo by Melissa Stawicki

Author's son, Knight Dale Mortensen enters the arena.

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Japanese Mexican Fusion

THE JALAPENO DRAGON

By Katherine Ogden

If you've never tried, or if you love Mexican sushi, there's a new eatery in Mesa that is a must visit! The Jalapeno Dragon combine the freshest flavors of Sonora with the best of Japanese sushi to create a new culinary experience.

The story began when Ruth Gastelum was a young girl, growing up in Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico. Sushi, with a Mexican style twist, started to become popular there and she often enjoyed eating it. When she was nineteen, she came to the US with her sister Maribel to visit a friend. She looked but couldn't find a Mexican sushi place, so she started making her own. She decided move to the US to attend college. She married her husband Marco, started a family and kept making her own Mexican sushi. The whole family loved it and soon friends did, too.

Gastelum's family Jalapeno Dragon food truck.

Then one day, a friend suggested to Ruth, "Why don't you start your own business?" So, she began making and selling her sushi rolls out of her home. Due to mouth-watering word of mouth, Ruth's rolls became very popular. Before long, there were so many customers and so much traffic in the neighborhood, that the Maricopa Health Department came and told her she couldn't run a food service business out of her house without permits. So, she began operating out of a food kitchen, all while saving money in order to purchase a food truck. A year later, Ruth and Marco were able to purchase their food truck. It became a real family affair, with all the older kids helping out by taking orders.

The family eventually found a brick and mortar location they liked, but there were many hoops to jump through in order to open a real restaurant. The building had been a bank, a magazine store, and then empty for four years. Many upgrades had to be made, permits had to be secured, and codes had to be met, but they finally opened the doors to the Jalapeno Dragon on February 6th, 2025. They now have nine employees, but the business remains a family affair with all five children, Galilea, 17, Marco, Jr., 16, Kamilla, 14, Yair, 12 and Dayanara, 10, coming in to help on weekends.

Grand Opening at the Jalapeno Dragon.

"As a Scottish-Mexican, I was blown away by the Jalapeno Dragon during my Arizona vacation. The restaurant offers flavors you simply can't find

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THE GOSPEL IN A WORD

Comprehend

By Emily Jex Boyle

As John began his account of Jesus' life and ministry, he wrote, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." John continued, "And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:4-5)

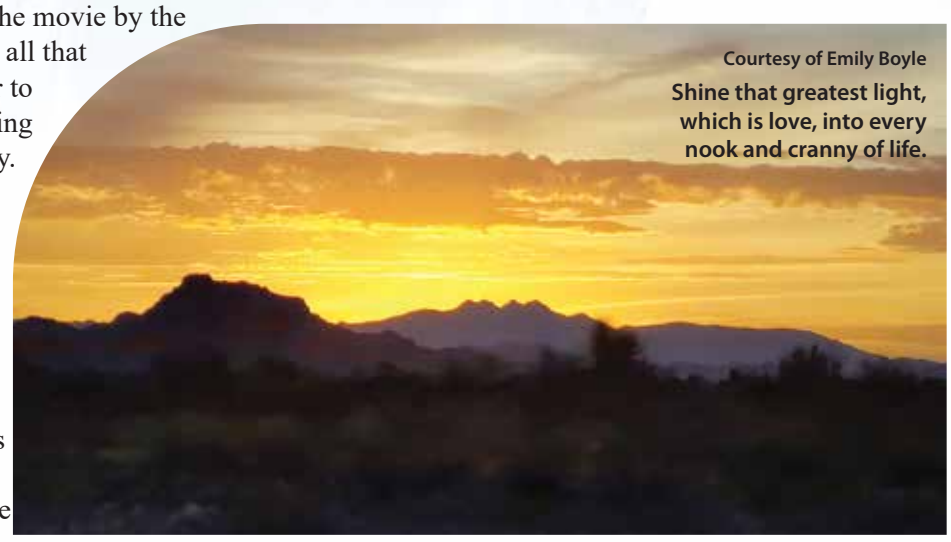
One theme that stood out to me this past Easter from the greatest story ever told is the divine persistence of light and love, despite dark opposing forces. Maybe, like me, when you hear the word *comprehend*, you think of synonyms like *understand, grasp, perceive, or discern*.

In my opinion, these synonyms work on the protagonist's side of a story. Like when Rudy (played by Sean Astin in the movie by the same name) comprehends all that is required of him in order to achieve his dream of playing for Notre Dame University. He understands that he's got to get the grades. He grasps that this will not be placed in his lap. He perceives that it is very unlikely, yet, he is willing to try. In John's account, he writes that the darkness did not comprehend the light. We can look at it like this: the darkness doesn't understand, doesn't grasp, doesn't discern, doesn't perceive the light.

We can also look at the same word from an antagonistic standpoint to perceive perhaps something more. For example, there is a scene when Frodo (played by Elijah Wood in *The Lord of the Rings* movie series) and his Shire crew frantically scurry off the road as the Ringwraiths approach. A chill set in the movie theater as we watched with hands clutching an armrest or a neighbor's hand as the dark riders' and the darkness around them arrived, surrounded and searched for the crew. And for the ring!

The word's roots stem from Old French *comprehender*, or Latin *comprehendere*, from com- "together" and prehendere "grasp." The Greek word used in the Bible is *katalambanó*. According to Bible Hub, this word is used in the verses mentioned above in John's account. The Greek verb communicates an idea of seizing or taking hold of something, including physically such as *apprehend* or *capture*. No direct Hebrew verb compares but similar concepts are found in words like *taphas* (to seize or capture) or *bin* (to understand or discern). Bible Hub also includes the following: "In the New Testament, this word is used to convey the power and authority of Christ's light and truth over darkness and ignorance."

Sometimes I try to wrap my head around the daily and ultimate victories of Light over Darkness, God's plan and my place in it. I take courage and hope as I sit with the lines of Charles Wesley (1707-1788) when he wrote of Jesus: "He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free." Perhaps as we strive to be peacemakers, full of charity and virtue, as President Russell M. Nelson encourages, we will better understand how to shine that greatest light, which is love, into every nook and cranny of life.



Courtesy of Emily Boyle

Shine that greatest light, which is love, into every nook and cranny of life.

Medieval Times
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used at the Scottsdale castle are quarter horse, Azteca, and Friesian (which the Lord Master of Ceremonies rides).

Medieval Times breeds most of its horses, especially the Andalusians, at their main ranch in Chapel Creek, Texas. The horses are brought to the castle at about three years old. Most are given Spanish names at birth, and each year's foals are all given names with the same letter of the alphabet, then the next letter of the alphabet is used the following year. Some of the Scottsdale castle's horses are named: Jalapeno, Jordano, Jitano, Jaramillo, Mundo, Odiseo, Oso, Petrito, Quito, Rumano, and Rumbero.

The chief horse trainer at each castle oversees the care of the horses, but various duties are given to the squires and knights. A minimum of 12 horses are used in each performance. The squires' main responsibilities are to groom and tack the knights' horses, arm the knights with appropriate weaponry, pick up knights when they are defeated in battle, set up the various competitive games that the knights compete in, and perform various presentations of their house's flags and colors.

Those who want to qualify to train to become a knight must pass a series of very rigorous physical tests. Before and after these tests, they train in dressage and learn to compete in various horseback games as well as perfecting skills in jousting and how to fall off a horse. In time, each knight learns each role of the choreographed fights in the show.

As knights take a pledge to be chivalrous in every aspect of their lives, may we each acquire that honor!

For additional information including educational materials, check out www.medievaltimes.com.

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By Allison Beckert

ANALOG STUDY

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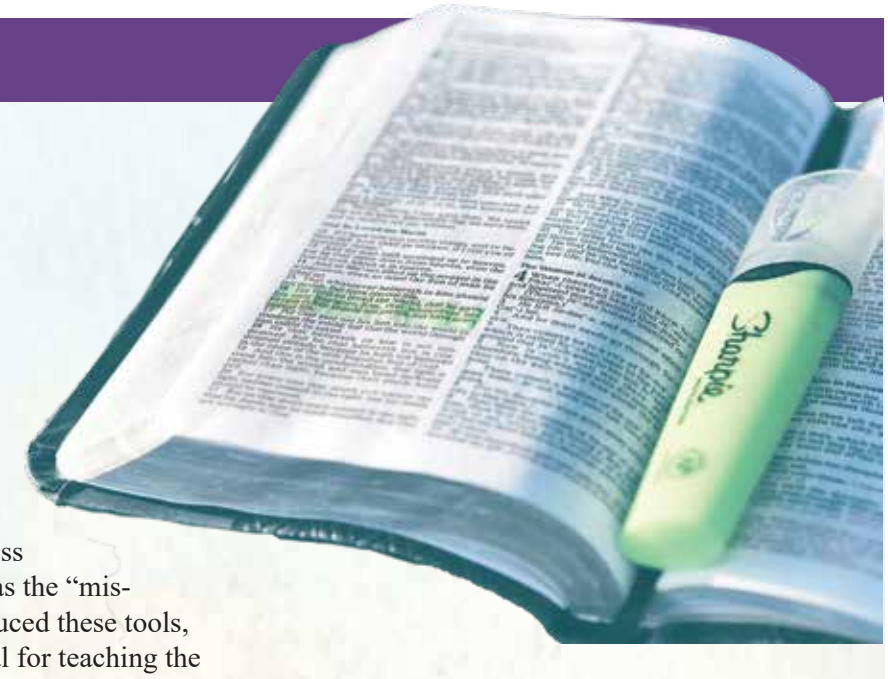

Modern scripture study has a huge array of amazing tools for accessibility, bringing the scriptures to us anywhere at any time and making it easy to follow prepared links and lesson guides with a single click. These tools are the descendants of a huge advance in scripture study printed in physical church compilations that can be a balm to our digital study strain. If your scripture study feels stagnant, consider going screen-free.

Essential to this challenge is understanding what the groundbreaking tools are that set our Standard Works apart from others. The first is the Topical Guide. In function, this is an index, which most books have but this is organized by topic with references from all books of the standard works. Think of it as a manual Google search function. The second tool, working with the first, is found on the lower portion of every page: footnotes.

Footnotes are found in most academic works, but those you find in the scriptures identify selected passages or blocks of scripture relevant to the passage. They're indicated with small letters that correspond to the listing at the bottom of that same page. Consider this as an old school hyperlink.

In the late 1960s Cambridge Press published what came to be known as the "missionary edition" bible which introduced these tools, and the bible dictionary. It was ideal for teaching the Bible but was later expanded to include references to all the standard works instead of just the New and Old Testament. Around this same time, the scripture reference notation we know today came into regular use, with the book abbreviations and chapter and verse numbers so familiar in manuals and the footnotes themselves.

Learning to use these tools – including seeking out the shared references, looking up definitions by hand, annotating observations, and reviewing the prevalence of topics of interest across the Standard Works – will open opportunities for further study resources. Many academic works use a version of the footnote/endnote system and aren't available digitally. Also, more complex work by apostles and prophets use these, including *Jesus the Christ*, *Christ and the New Covenant*, *Doctrines of Salvation*, and other compiled works of past leaders.

There are, as always, benefits and struggles with this approach. On the plus side, scriptures have a real power as a physical tool, and time spent within physical pages can be comforting and powerful. Also, independent personal revelation is left more open with this method. There's intentional space left for thought and meditation on the material. The biggest challenge, however, is speed. It will take longer to find what you're looking for. This takes practice. Online tools are immediate, but notes and references are far less likely to be revisited than those we make physically.

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By Robin Finlinson

Come Follow Me

This article supports the readings assigned in May and June, 2025 in the manual titled *Come, Follow Me—For Home and Church*, including Doctrine and Covenants Sections 46-70.

STONE & WATER

Artwork depicting Jacob's Well by Tanner Finlinson.

Everything witnesses of Jesus Christ (Moses 6:63), including the earth that He created. It is a home of stone and water for each life form. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible teaches about the Savior with symbolism regarding the moving or smiting of a stone and the resulting water that heals and saves. (For the smiting, see Ex. 17; Num. 20)

In vivid foreshadowing of the doctrine, Resurrection and Second Coming of Christ, Jacob, whose sons would become known as the 12 Tribes of Israel, journeys to another land and comes upon a well. There, he meets his dear Rachel. He also learns that before sheep were allowed to receive water from that well, flocks had to be gathered, and the "great stone" that covered it had to be moved. The stone was rolled from the well's mouth, then put back in its place afterward. (Gen. 29:1-10)

Nearly two millennia later, Jesus tells a woman who comes to draw water from Jacob's Well that the water He can give "shall be in [partakers] a well of water springing up into everlasting life." And He offers her "living water" (John 4), which represents Himself, the fulness of His gospel, His words, His light, all truth, and the pure love of God. He is the Source of all goodness, the "fountain of all righteousness." (Ether 12:28)

After Christ's death, angels roll the "great stone" from His tomb, revealing that He has overcome death and is the true, living God. (Matt. 27:57-60; 28:1-2) Despite His enemies' efforts, living water would again, at the appointed time, be able to flow upon the earth.

Nearly two more millennia pass, and the time arrives. The prophecy given by Daniel about a stone, representing the Lord's kingdom (or church), being set up and flourishing in the latter days, finally starts to be fulfilled. (Dan. 2:28, 34-35, 44)

"The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth." (D&C 65:2)

A promise made to Jacob's posterity also begins its fulfillment. Being "a remnant of Jacob" (D&C 52:2), the modern-day children of the Abrahamic covenant are now taking the living water of Christ throughout a world parched by the scarcity of pure love and truth. Through them "shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 28:14) And through them "the earth may know that the mouths of the prophets shall not fail." (D&C 58:8)

The prophet Isaiah promises the Lord's covenant people, "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity… the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought… and thou shalt be like a watered garden…" (Isa. 58:10-11)

At Christ's Second Coming, He will move a particularly great stone. The Prophet Zechariah declares that when He stands on the Mount of Olives, "half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." (Zech. 14:4) Four verses later, the prophet informs that "it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem."

And after Christ, the Stone of Israel (Gen. 49:24; D&C 50:44), moves into place on His throne in Zion, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isa. 11:9)

See also: Gen. 26:12-15; Deut. 7:9; JST Psalms 42:2-3; Isa. 11:12; 12:3; 44:2; 49:6; 57:20-21; Jer. 2:13; Ezek. 47 chapter heading; Zech. 9:16; Gal. 3:9; Heb. 5:1-10; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 21:6; 1 Ne. 11:25; 3 Ne. 20:8-9; D&C 57:13; 58:64; 63:23.

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anywhere in Europe," shared one satisfied customer. "I've returned every day during my vacation and plan to continue to do so. For anyone visiting Arizona, Jalapeno Dragon is an absolute must-visit destination that will make your trip worthwhile."

"If this location continues to do well," says Ruth, "we are hoping to eventually open second location."

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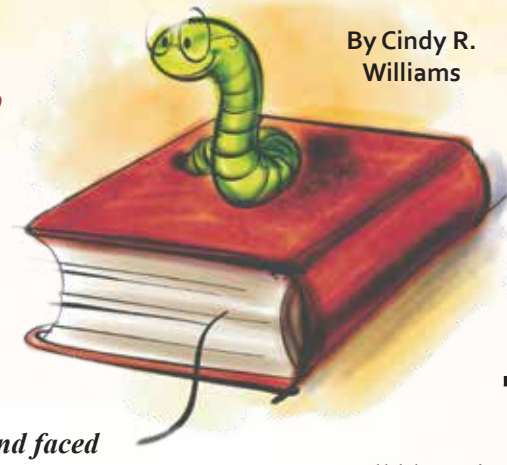


By Cindy R. Williams

Beehive BOOK Reviews

Award-winning and best-selling author of romantic suspense novels Paige Edwards shares, "I want to touch hearts with uplifting stories that transport my readers to beautiful settings where they can escape the pressures of life for a few short hours. If you love romance with a dash (or two) of suspense, British accents, modern-day aristocrats, or anything Scottish, then you and I are kindred spirits, and I write for you!"

In Edwards' newest book *Flat Deception*, Lady Sophie Henderson has worked tirelessly to establish a breeding stable for racehorses on her family's Scottish estate. She gains a new business partner, Zander, but there is a dark side to the posh British racing community. When accused of equine doping, Sophie must prove her innocence.

Author Paige Edwards.

A few of Edwards' favorite lines from the book are:

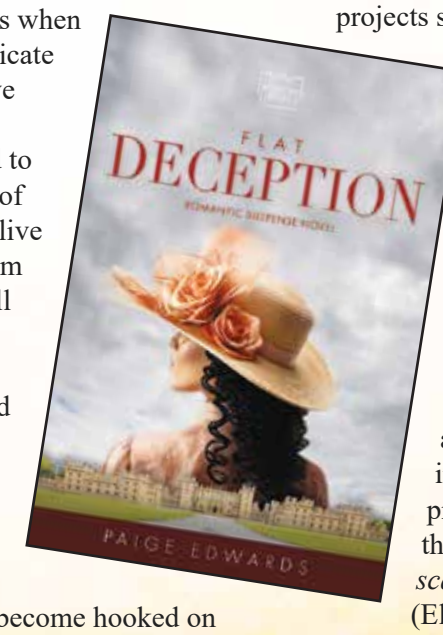
"It is our choices that determine our destiny."

"Sophie spun on her stool and faced the man who had destroyed her dreams."

The story idea came to Edwards when she read about a horse racing syndicate on FBI case files. It took nearly five months to write.

Edwards says, "I'm blessed to have a home office with views of the woods beyond our lawn (I live in Virginia). I'll admit when I'm stuck, I do a lot of staring at all that green." She adds, "I need absolute quiet when I write, and I use lots of multi-colored sticky notes."

Regarding the research she conducted for this book, Edwards explains, "Sophie is a horse breeder and an all-out animal lover. I might have become hooked on horse and cat videos while writing *Flat Deception*. We'll blame it on the research."



Edwards says, "I'm working on two (new) projects simultaneously. My fall release, *A Royal Request*, deals with Annabelle, a British woman whose grandmother's fib leads to the Queen's requesting attendance at Annabelle's wedding. Unfortunately, her boyfriend has not proposed. It also entails a mystery surrounding an old wedding dress.

"My other project is top secret, but I've visited Norway and Scotland twice to gather information. The scope of this project scares me a bit, but you know the saying, **"***If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough."* (Ellen Johnson Sirleaf)

Edwards' books are available on Amazon.com

Author Publishes Final Book in a Trilogy for Young Adults

Author Ashley Bustamante has published the final book in her young adult trilogy: A dystopian fantasy book that follows Ava and Elm as they risk everything to save their friends and protect their world.

In book one, *Vivid*, Bustamante says, "On the planet Magus, where color fuels magic, yellow is forbidden. But when star-student Ava Locke aids a rogue Yellow magic-user, her loyalty to Magus's leadership unravels. As truth blurs and choices twist, she must ask herself—who's really in control?"

Book two, *Radiant*, Ava and Elm, hiding from the Benefactors, risk everything to protect their friends, until a stranger offers escape with an uncertain price.

In book three, *Chromatic* Bustamante explains, "As planet Magus crumbles, Ava and Elm must free the imprisoned and destroy the barrier, before their world collapses completely. The idea originally came from a dream! It took place as though I were watching a film. After it ended, I couldn't get the story and the characters out of my mind. I had to know what happened next! I wrote down that scene, and it just kept growing from there.

Author Ashley Bustamante.

"I wrote the first draft in about a month, but polished and refined it many times over. It was seven years before I signed a contract, with several 'almosts' before that. I attended conferences and learned a lot about the craft before it was really ready,"

A favorite line from the book is ***"The things that make us decide friend versus foe depend on what path we choose in life."*** -Elm

Bustamante says she writes because she loves it. "I want to cultivate the talents God has given me…. I believe the world needs more stories full of hope, goodness, and light. My books promote the fight for what's right in a world that constantly tries to blur the lines. It's also really important to me to create stories that are free of graphic content so families can enjoy them together."

Bustamante's books are available on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and most online booksellers. They are also available in several libraries. If they are not at your library, you can always request them! Authors love to see their books in libraries.

By Allison Beckert

Your Mental Health
Finding Relief in Belief

Religion brings peace, comfort, and calm. The Spirit speaks to us, we learn, in a still small voice. If you've ever come to church, to your scriptures, or to prayer and found relief, you've experienced the well documented benefits of religion and spirituality to mental health. The effect and power go deeper still.

There are two main elements mental health professionals discuss on this topic. First is religion, which they define as recognition and belief in a higher power. Regarding the degree of organization or actual belief, that is left to the individual. Second is spirituality which is simply described as the quality of being concerned with the human spirit or soul as opposed to more material or physical things. As the Gospel is taught in the restored Church, both of these pieces are part of a healthy relationship to Christ.

In psychology these are historically challenging since as a field, empirical science can't account for such subjective and powerful internal influences. However, as Kenneth I. Pargament, PhD. editor-in-chief of the APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion and Spirituality, says, "Unlike any other dimension of life, religion and spirituality have a unique focus on the domain of the sacred — transcendence, ultimate truth, finitude and deep connectedness. Any psychology that overlooks these parts of life remains incomplete." Whatever a therapist, counselor, or psychiatrist may believe personally, these elements are fundamental to our mental wellbeing and a lens through which we process our lives and experiences.

One of the most well-known practical examples of where mental health and religion intersect can be found in the addiction recovery program. The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions include a number of references to the necessity of recognizing a higher power as a source of strength and accountability. Now the programs never insist on belief in God per se, but for those already rooted in a religion this is a direct reference to the benefits of this belief. The gospel of repentance, as it's taught in the Book of Mormon, isn't just for recovering from sin or from a fall into dangerous habits. The model is one that fosters growing and healing, too, bringing our will in alignment to God's and our best selves.

Religion can also be a source of resilience and stability, when allowed to be part of our daily lives.

Praying stone hands. Couleur from Pixabay

Attending meetings and events provides a safe place to build community and make meaningful connections with others – a much prescribed antidote to social stress. Prayer and scripture study parallel all the benefits lauded by secular teachers as meditation and mindfulness. Within a larger church, members can feel part of a tradition and a large population of believers, connected to the past, present, and to others around the world. This kind of connection can be difficult to find and is a remedy to the rootless feeling of the modern age.

Religion, especially of the kind found within the Church, has benefits difficult to find anywhere else. While this is not a replacement for necessary help from medical professionals, it's an enviable foundation of support in good times and bad.

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A Desire To Help

A New Leaf Treasurer Todd Skinner

By A New Leaf

Todd Skinner (r) and A New Leaf Chief Philanthropy Officer Joe Dulin.

For more than 30 years, Todd Skinner has been a guiding force behind A New Leaf's mission to help families in crisis. His journey began in the 1990s, when he was a young accountant living and working in Mesa, Arizona. Moved by a desire to help those experiencing homelessness, Todd joined the board of a small shelter called La Mesita. He believed that everyone deserves a safe place to live, the chance to find meaningful work, and a secure future for their children.

Todd brought not only his heart, but his financial expertise to the table. Over time, he helped lead La Mesita through a major transition—merging with A New Leaf to become one of its key programs. This step allowed the shelter to grow and expand its reach, offering more support to more families in need.

In the 2010s, Todd took on the role of Treasurer at A New Leaf and helped guide the organization through its first major capital campaign. Under his leadership, the original La Mesita shelter was completely rebuilt. What began as a small shelter became a full-service campus offering emergency housing, affordable apartments, childcare, and other essential services. It became a place where families could rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

Professionally, Todd is a respected business leader at Skinner Clouse Group, where he works with high-net-worth clients in accounting, tax planning, and estate services. Despite his busy schedule, he remains deeply committed to giving back. He volunteers alongside his family and contributes personally to the causes he cares about. His faith is central to his life, guiding his values and his dedication to service.

Todd's legacy at A New Leaf is one of lasting impact. His steady leadership, quiet generosity, and deep compassion have helped transform thousands of lives. Thanks to Todd, families in our community have found safety, stability, and the support they need to start again.

La Mesita family homeless shelter.

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Free child care is available
Registration Required

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All workshops are 6:00pm to 7:30pm

April 2025

April 1: Co-Parenting Strategies

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April 15 Anger Management for Parents # 1

April 22 Anger Management for Parents #2

May 2025

May 6 Girl Brain, Boy Brain

May 13 Discussing Suicide

May 20 Understanding Children's Temperament

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April 29/ May 27 2025
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By Robin Finlinson

All photos by Robin Finlinson

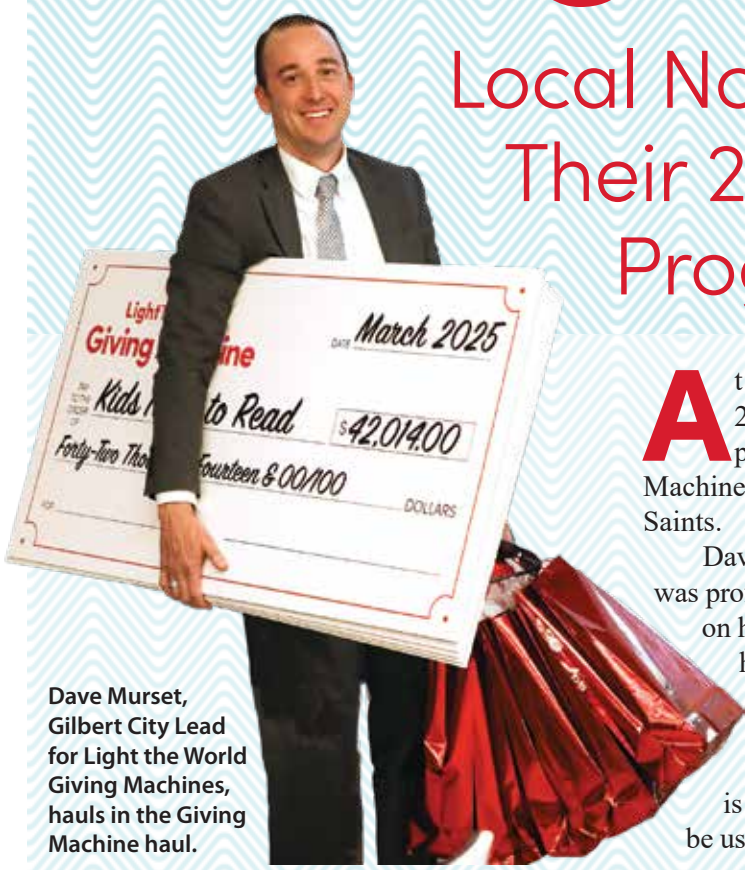
Light The World Giving Machine

Local Nonprofits Receive Their 2024 Giving Machine Program Checks

For the East Valley (Gilbert AZ) machines:

- 6 local nonprofits received money to purchase needed items for their clients.
- 25,106 items were chosen and paid for by donors through the machines.
- $687,518 was raised.

Worldwide, the 2024 machines raised $16,000,000



Dave Murset, Gilbert City Lead for Light the World Giving Machines, hauls in the Giving Machine haul.

At a Gilbert Town Council meeting on March 25, 2025, checks were distributed to nonprofits that participated in the 2024 Light the World Giving Machines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dave Murset, City Lead for the Gilbert, AZ machines, was profoundly struck by how focused the nonprofits are on helping those who are struggling and by how much hope they bring to them. "I was in the trenches with these people for several months preceding the launch of the machines and got to know them very well. They are genuine and caring." He is also confident that every dollar they received will be used as donors intended and that proper accounting of those dollars will be made.

Funds are not the only benefit the machines provide. For example, Jessica Payne, Executive Director of Kids Need To Read, reported that thousands of new books have recently been collected and given to them; likely because of the extra exposure provided by the Giving Machine program. "I have had so many teachers reach out and say, 'Hey, I saw you in the Giving Machines, and I wanted to see if you could help us.' So, I have come out to do story times for kids. I've come and brought classroom libraries and school book giveaways."

An incalculable amount of good is happening thanks to the Giving Machines!

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Elder John Lewis, Area Seventy for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Mayor Scott Anderson of Gilbert; Katherine Kouvelas-Edick, Founder & CEO of Aris Foundation; Valarie Walker, Volunteer; James Walker, Volunteer; Dave Murset, Light the World Giving Machines Gilbert City Lead.

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What's Cooking?

By The Arizona Beehive Magazine

RED POTATO SALAD-STYLE POPPERS

As summer once again arrives to the Valley of the Sun, what better time for a fun family trip or a church potluck! Consider this great "grab and go" item for any such event. The family and the ward will love them. They also make an easy appetizer for any party or Missionary open house. They look great plated up and are delicious when chilled, but can be served immediately while they are still warm. Perfect bite size of deliciousness!

Prep time: 30 minutes

Start to Finish: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Makes: 24 - 36 Appetizer Bites

INGREDIENTS

- 12 small red potatoes (About 1 ½ " in diameter)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 hard-boiled egg, finely chopped
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 3 T dill pickle relish
- 2 T mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. yellow mustard
- ¼ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 2 medium green onions, thinly sliced

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place potatoes in ungreased 15x20x1 inch pan. Bake 30-40 minutes until tender. Cool about 10 minutes or until cool enough to handle.
2. Cut potatoes in half. With melon-baller, scoop out the insides of the potatoes into a medium bowl and leave about ¼-inch lining of the potato flesh around edges of shells. Sprinkle shells with ½ tsp. salt.
3. To the scooped-out potatoes, add the other ½ tsp salt and remaining ingredients except onions. Mix well, breaking up potatoes. Adjust seasoning as needed.
4. Fill each potato shell with about 1 T filling mixture. Top with onions. Cover and refrigerate if you are serving chilled or serve immediately.

TIP 1: Cut very thin slice off bottom of each potato shell so they will stand upright or can be nested in a bed of lettuce.

TIP 2: A small teaspoon can be used to scoop out the potatoes if a melon-baller is not available.

By Mark Randall

Comedy Corner

Way back when the Church changed meetings to the consolidated 'block plan' our Bishop, in jest, announced he would now be known as the 'Block head'!

By Grace O'Brien

The Ready Hive

A Simple, Positive Approach to Preparedness

Welcome to the first edition of The Ready Hive, a new *Arizona Beehive Magazine* column designed to help you and your family feel confident and capable in the face of life's unexpected turns. Whether you're a seasoned prepper or just beginning to think about long-term planning, this series is for you. We'll explore practical ways to prepare—from food storage and preservation to creating a plan for power outages, natural disasters and personal crisis—all from a simple, city-girl-turned-urban-homesteader-ish perspective.

Preparedness doesn't have to be overwhelming. In fact, it can be empowering and even fun. Our goal is to keep things simple, upbeat, and useful, because we believe being ready is a form of everyday optimism. When we prepare, we show faith in God's plan, love for our families, and trust in our ability to handle whatever comes our way.

In each article, we'll explore a timely topic and offer clear takeaways. You'll learn how to:

- Start a rotating food storage system (yes, even in a small space!)
- Preserve food with easy, beginner-friendly methods
- Build a reliable power outage kit that won't break the bank
- Use what you store—recipes and real-life tips included

Every now and then, we'll include PDF downloads featuring checklists, shopping guides, meal planners, and more. Whether it's a printable "72-Hour Kit List" or "How to Start Food Storage on a Budget," you'll have tools to support your journey.

Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have long encouraged members to be prepared, not out of fear but out of faith. President Gordon B. Hinckley once said, "The best storehouse is the family storeroom." Preparedness is about peace of mind. It's about being set up to serve others and keep your household running when times get tough.

As someone who didn't grow up with chickens in the backyard or shelves full of canning jars, I understand how intimidating preparedness can feel at first. But I've learned that with small steps and steady effort, even city folks can create a lifestyle of readiness—and enjoy it!

So, let's take this journey together. Let's build our skills, share what works, and cheer each other on. No gloom and doom here—just good old-fashioned resourcefulness, faith, and family-centered solutions.

Watch for our next column, where we'll dive into "Building Your Stockpile – Week by Week"—a simple starter guide for your pantry and your peace of mind.

Until then, stay safe, stay positive, and remember: Preparedness isn't about perfection—it's about progress.

JUSTSERVE

By Debbie Shumway

Enhancing Every Moment

Dispelling Myths About Hospice

Some people found it surprising that President Jimmy Carter received hospice care for 22 months, but his experience only illustrates the biggest misconception about hospice: that it is for the final hours, days or even weeks. Hospice focuses on enhancing every moment. It supports caregivers and provides a care plan that honors the patient's goals and wishes. Hospice of the Valley has been privileged to serve our community since 1977, and many families have shared that their only regret was not choosing hospice care *sooner*.

Here are some common misconceptions about hospice care:

MYTH: Hospice is just for the last hours/days/weeks of life.

In fact, receiving hospice care sooner in the disease process can help stabilize health conditions and enhance quality of life with personalized nursing care, social support and medical management. In-home care teams treat pain and symptoms, such as shortness of breath or infections. Anxiety is lessened because there is 24/7 access to one of our healthcare professionals, as well as a nurse who can visit, should there be an urgent need — no matter the time of day or night.

MYTH: Your primary care provider or specialist is no longer involved in your care.

Hospice organizations welcome the continued involvement of your community providers, as you transition to a comfort-based philosophy of care. The hospice team partners with your provider to support your care goals throughout your hospice journey.

MYTH: Hospice care incurs out-of-pocket expense.

Even though our care teams come to you, wherever you live, you don't have to worry about cost. Medicare Part A covers hospice care, including any needed medical equipment and related medications. Most insurance plans also cover hospice. And if you don't have insurance, as the *only nonprofit hospice* in Maricopa County, Hospice of the Valley has always cared for all in need, regardless of ability to pay.

MYTH: All hospices are the same.

Medicare allows you to choose your own hospice provider, but if you don't specify a choice, someone will choose for you. Fortunately, all it takes is a phone call to the hospice you prefer, and they can seamlessly transfer you into their care. It is important to choose a hospice that has the experience, expertise and resources to provide exceptional care.

Those are some of the myths. The truth is that hospice care provides vital support during a very vulnerable time. An interdisciplinary team comes to you in the comfort of home to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs. These teams of doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, social workers, chaplains and even volunteers are focused on providing comfort, dignity and compassionate care. Our goal is to help you make the most of every moment.

Debbie Shumway is executive director of Hospice of the Valley. To learn more about programs and services, visit hov.org or call (602) 530-6900.

Patient Robert Chubrich enjoys home visits with his Hospice of the Valley social worker, Elena Talbot (left) and nurse, Laura Horvath.

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